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## EMT-I CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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### AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2 - Effective date April 7, 2006

### PURPOSE

To define requirements for the certification of an eligible individual as an Emergency Medical Technician-I (EMT-I) recognized in the State of California by the ICEMA Medical Director.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### Initial Certification

1. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
2. Possess a National Registry EMT-I (Basic) certificate **or** course completion record indicating successful completion of an ICEMA approved EMT-I training program between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2005.
3. Apply for certification within two (2) years of either the effective date of the National Registry certificate **or** course completion date.
4. Submit the appropriate ICEMA application with
  - a. Fee as set by ICEMA: Only cash, money order, cashier's check, or institutional check will be accepted. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
  - b. Copy of front and back of current signed BLS CPR Health Care Provider Card.
  - c. Photo taken at ICEMA. Applicant may submit a driver's license size (no tinted glasses or hats) photo with their application.
5. Complete a statement that the individual is not precluded from certification for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code.
6. Live scan submission
7. Comply with other requirements as may be set forth herein.

#### Other Qualifying Categories for Initial Certification

1. An individual currently licensed in California as a Paramedic or currently certified in California as an EMT-II is deemed to be certified as an EMT-I with no further testing required **EXCEPT** when the paramedic license or EMT-II certification is under suspension.
2. An individual who possesses a valid current National Registry EMT-Intermediate and/or EMT-P certificate shall be eligible for certification upon fulfilling the requirements of items <sup>ns</sup>4, 5, 6, and 7 above, under Initial EMT-I Certification.
3. An individual who possesses a current and valid out of state EMT-I certificate must obtain a National Registry EMT-I (Basic) card, and comply with all requirements above, under Initial EMT-I Certification.

#### Maintaining EMT-I Certification

To maintain certification as an EMT-I, an individual at the time of application shall:

1. Possess a current EMT-I certification issued in California.
2. Submit their original skills competency verification form, EMSA-SCV (07/03)

3. Obtain at least twenty-four hours of continuing education hours (CEH) from an approved continuing education provider per Protocol Reference #14011 Continuing Education Provider Policy **or** successfully complete a twenty-four hour refresher course from an approved EMT-I training program.
4. Submit the appropriate ICEMA application as outlined in Initial Certification <sup>#s</sup>4, 5, and 7 above with copies of all CE certificates or rosters.
5. The effective date of certification for currently certified EMT-Is shall be:
  - a. If requirements are met within six (6) months prior to the expiration date, the effective date of certification shall be the expiration date of the current certificate.
  - b. If requirements are met more than six (6) months prior to the expiration date, the effective date of certification will be the date the individual satisfactorily completes all certification requirements and has applied for certification.

### EMT-I Certification with a Lapsed California EMT-I, EMT-II Certification or Paramedic License

An individual with a lapsed EMT-I, EMT-II certificate or EMT-P License is eligible for EMT-I certification if they complete items <sup>#s</sup>4, 5, and 7, above under Initial Certification **and**

1. Lapse of less than six months;
  - a. Submit a completed skills competency verification form, EMSA-SCV (07/03) **and**
  - b. Obtain at least twenty-four hours of continuing education hours (CEH) from an approved continuing education provider per Protocol Reference #14011 Continuing Education Provider Policy **or**
  - c. Successfully complete a twenty-four hour refresher course from an approved EMT-I training program
2. Lapse of six months or more, but less than twelve months:
  - a. Comply with 1a through c above **and**
  - b. Complete an additional twelve hours of continuing education for a total of 36 hours of training.
3. Lapse of twelve months or more, but less than 24 months:
  - a. Comply with 1a through c above **and**
  - b. Complete an additional twenty-four hours of continuing education for a total of 48 hours **and**
  - c. Pass the National Registry Exam.
4. Lapse of twenty-four months or more:
  - a. Complete an entire EMT-I course **and**
  - b. Comply with the initial certification requirements set forth in this protocol.

### POLICY

1. The effective date of certification shall be the date the individual satisfactorily completes all certification requirements and has applied for certification
2. The certification expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period except in the following cases:
  - a. For a person with a valid EMT-I (Basic), EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic National Registry certificate, the expiration date shall be the same as the National Registry certificate.
  - b. For a person who possesses a valid California Paramedic license, the expiration date shall be the same as the current Paramedic license.

APPROVED

ICEMA Medical Director

Date

ICEMA Executive Director

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